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FORTS BLOWN UP INSIDE DARDANELLES;
RAIDING SUBMARINE U-9 REPORTED LOSTPUBLIC SERVICE BOARD BACKS
UP CUT IN TELEPHONE PROFITS,
GIVING CITY 5-CENT TOLLSUp-State Commission Fixes Valuation
of Company's Property at \$82,000,-
000 and Slashes \$3,000,000 in
Dividends.

The up-State Public Service Commission, meeting to-day in the Metropolitan Tower, sustained The Evening World's demand for lower telephone rates. It reported that \$3,000,000 must be cut out of the New York Telephone Company's profits in the metropolis. The announcement confirmed the recommendation already made by the Foley Legislative Committee as to general results, although the two investigating bodies differ in valuations and methods.

Chairman Seymour Van Santvoord stated the findings of the Commission as follows:

"From the testimony presented we have concluded that the value of the telephone company's property in New York City is \$82,000,000. A fair rate of return on that investment is 8 per cent. per annum.

"We have taken into consideration the 4½ per cent. of gross operating revenue paid by the New York Company to the A. T. & T. Company for use of telephone instruments, and we find that it is excessive by so much as it exceeds an annual rental of \$1 per instrument, which we think a fair charge.

"We hold that there should be a reduction in the telephone company operating revenue of \$3,000,000 per year.

"Such a cut will still leave considerable margin of income to the telephone company over and above an 8 per cent. return on the valuation fixed."

The \$82,000,000 valuation fixed by the commission is approximately midway between the \$65,000,000 estimate of the Foley committee and the \$99,000,000 report by the telephone company's experts.

The \$3,000,000 to be cut out of charges inflicted on New York is the same as recommended by the Foley Committee, which had allowed a larger margin of leeway in the return on investment.

Directors of the New York Telephone Company will meet next Wednesday to decide whether they will accept the report of the Public Service Commission without further contest or will exercise their right to continue the case with evidence challenging the findings and then go to the courts.

The Foley Committee is willing to abide by the Public Service Commission's findings, if the telephone company accepts the \$3,000,000. If, however, the company renews its old tactics of delay and contest at every point, the committee will at once report a rate bill to the Legislature for mandatory action.

John L. Swasey, attorney for the company, made the following announcement:

"I am unable to answer for the company whether it will accept or reject the findings of the commission. They will be presented to the Board of Directors."

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FIRE SWEEPS MOULIN ROUGE.

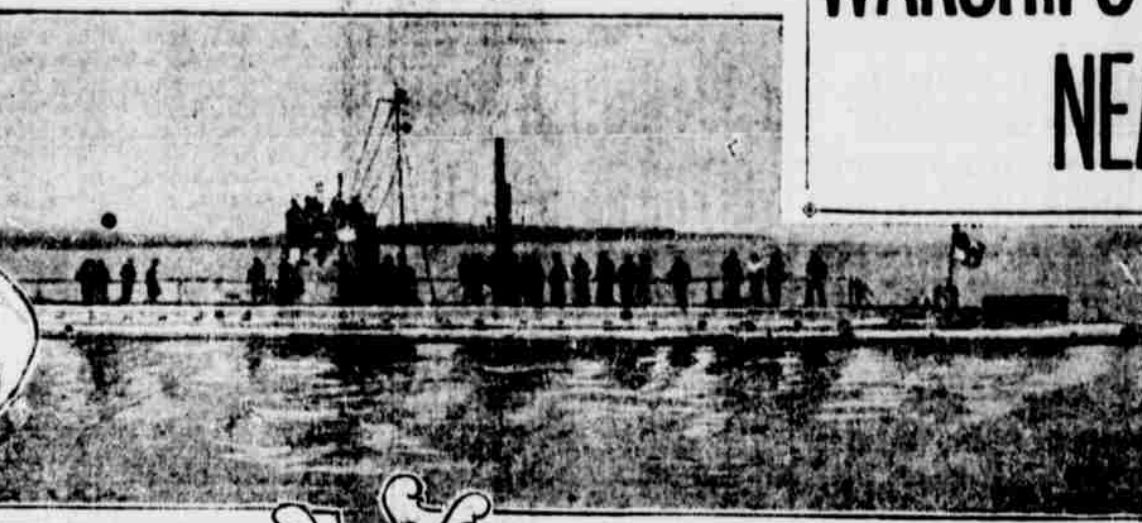
Centre of Paris Night Life Threatened With Destruction.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Moulin Rouge, well known as a centre of the night life of Paris, caught fire early to-day. The entire fire department of the centre of Paris was called out in an endeavor to save the place.

REPORTED LA CAROLINA CHURCH, 10, 4, 10, street and avenue smoke.—Apt.

Famous Raiding German Submarine U-9
Said to Have Been Lost in the North Sea

CAPT. WEDDIGEN

SEARCH LUSITANIA
FOR BOMBS BEFORE
BRITISH SHIP SAILSAll Baggage Carefully Gone
Over by Detectives at Big
Liner's Pier.WHITMAN FOR REPEAL
OF ALIEN LABOR LAWGovernor Tells His Opposition to
Act and Majority of Legislature
Believed With Him.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Gov. Whitman favors the repeal of the Anti-Alien Labor Law. He so expressed himself here to-day. The statute prohibits the employment of aliens on public works. The general sentiment of the Legislature apparently opposes the present law. Indications are that it will be repealed.

WILSON NOT TO CALL
EXTRA SENATE SESSIONPresident Feels That Opposition of
Republicans Will Prevent
Action on Treaties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson has practically decided not to call a special session of the Senate to consider the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties. At the White House to-day it was said that while the question still was under consideration there was little prospect of a special session being called.

The opposition of some Republican Senators makes it improbable that any action on the treaties can be taken during the present session. The President expects, however, that at least some of his nominees for the Federal Trade Commission will be confirmed before March 4. Any not confirmed are expected to get recess appointments.

And when Charley came home Wednesday evening she told him that couldn't be my baby.

"So Charley told me to tell the truth. I did. He got awfully mad—and we had never had a quarrel before. He said: 'Get up out of bed, you faker, and take that child away!'"

NAME IN HUGE LETTERS
UPON ST. PAUL'S SIDESBig Liner to Carry Old Glory on
Every Mast Going Through
Irish Sea.

If the hidden eyes of some lurking German submarine fail to spot the hull decorations the American Line steamship St. Paul will carry through the "war zone" a few days hence the services of a patriotic oculist will be needed.

For when the St. Paul sailed for Liverpool to-day with 250 passengers, under the Stars and Stripes, she carried on both sides the words, "St.

Paul—American Line," in letters of white four feet high.

"I don't expect any trouble from the sea terrors," said Capt. F. M. Passow, the St. Paul's skipper. "I don't believe the Germans would dare board a passenger ship even if she flew the British ensign."

Capt. Passow said that the night spent in going through the Irish Sea would see the St. Paul lighted up like Coney Island in carnival time. He will fly the Stars and Stripes from every masthead as well as on the taffrail and have searchlights picking out each banner.

LOVE LAUGHS AT WAR,
AS BRIDAL SHIP SHOWSNinety-two Happy Newlyweds Sail
on Oceana for Bermuda, Defying
German Cruisers.

Love is credited with laughing at locksmiths; add to that German cruisers and you have an explanation for the record number of bridal couples—forty-six, count 'em—that sailed to-day for the flower gardens of Bermuda aboard the Oceana, of the Bermuda-American Line.

The Karlsruhe may catch the Oceana before she gets to Hamilton; but who of the blissful ninety-two cares?

MAY NOT RECOMMEND
OUSTING P. S. BOARDLegislative Investigating Committee
Changes Mind Again; May Only
Give Summary of Testimony.

The Legislative Investigating Committee had changed its attitude again to-day, and it was the impression would decline to tell Gov. Whitman the Public Service Commission is inefficient. The committee after a stormy session last evening put off until next Wednesday a reply to the Governor's letter.

It is believed the committee will make a summary of the minutes of its investigation, but will refuse to draw conclusions, leaving the Governor to do that himself. At the meeting last night a sub-committee was appointed to draw up the report.

To-day's session may be the last held by the committee in this city. A number of citizens who have asked to be heard may be allowed to appear.

Jersey's Famous Hangman Dead.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 27.—Cyrus W. Benedict, New Jersey's famous hangman and for thirty years a deputy sheriff of Essex County, died to-day at his home, No. 873 South Fifteenth Street, Newark. He was eighty-four years of age.

AUTO STARS START
GRAND PRIZE RACE
AT 65-MILE CLIPPullem and Ruckstell Early
Leaders in Big Event at
Frisco Fair Grounds.

EXPOSITION GROUNDS, SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The long grind of the Grand Prix automobile race was started at 10:30 o'clock to-day (12:30 New York time.) Cooper, driving a Stutz car, being sent over the exposition course, the first of the thirty drivers to start.

Following Cooper came Ruckstell in a Mercer, Newhouse, piloting a Delage, then Taylor in an Alco, Bragg with a Californian, and the remainder of the entries at three second intervals. At 10:33 the last of the cars had been sent away and were pounding around the course at terrific speed. The sky was overcast.

The distance of the race was officially announced as 400.254 miles, requiring 104 laps to complete it.

Just before the start of the race it was announced that five cars had been withdrawn. They were the Erwin Special, driven by Grover Bergdoll, who was injured while practicing recently; Blankman Special (Roy Francis); Bens (Erwin Bergdoll); Renault (Iva Gates); and Tomasini (Domasini).

At the end of the fourth lap Ruckstell had jumped into the lead. Barney Oldfield, driving a Maxwell, was wildly cheered as he set sail after the flying Mercer. Cooper was forced to stop at the pit on the second lap because of motor trouble.

It was evident that the drivers were finding the Presidio end of the track, where the turn is very sharp, extremely dangerous. All slowed down there and made the turn with great caution.

Toward 11 o'clock the skies were beginning to clear and it was believed a record-breaking crowd would be on hand by noon. When the race started, however, the main stand was less than half full. Ruckstell's time for the first five laps was 17:57. Resta, Anderson, Wilcox, De Palma, Grant, Hearn and Oldfield followed in order at that time.

When the race was well under way the skies clouded again and a sharp shower, which promised to continue indefinitely, threatened to bring the race to a close. Resta at that time had taken the lead.

WARSHIPS FIGHT WAY 14 MILES
NEARER TO CONSTANTINOPLELong Missing U-9, Which Sank the
Hogue, Aboukir, Cressy, Hawke
and Hermes, Believed to Have
Been Lost in North Sea.DESTROYER HURRIES TO AID
TORPEDOED BRITISH SHIP.

ATHENS (via London), Feb. 27 (Associated Press).—An allied fleet aggregating forty warships to-day penetrated the Dardanelles Straits as far as Hortali and within range of Fort Intepo on the Asiatic side.

Fort Intepo was destroyed. Various Turkish encampments also were bombarded. The ships are now within range of Fort Dardanelles.

A French squadron is cruising under the forts at the entrance to the Straits, which are now entirely dismantled.

Several vessels in the allied fleet have suffered slight damage. The Turkish shells are badly aimed. Although the range is short the forts have been unable to force the warships to retire.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Matin has cabled the following:

"After the complete destruction of the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the allied fleet penetrated the Straits and shelled the interior forts. It proceeded down the Dardanelles fourteen miles from the entrance."

The allied fleet divided the task of demolishing the forts guarding the entrance to the Straits.

The English battleships battered the Turkish works on the European side of the entrance. The French battleship Gaulois shelled Kumhlound fort with remarkable precision. When the Asiatic forts had been partially dismantled two French battleships steamed into the entrance and, firing from a range of 2,000 yards, completed the work of destruction. It was officially announced that none of the French ships was damaged.

Fishing Nets Caused the Loss
Of German Submarine Raider

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 27.—A disaster to the German submarine U-9 is indicated by wreckage picked up near Christiansand. There have been no reports of the U-9 since Nov. 1, when a Dutch trawler reported it had met the U-9 in a disabled condition off Haaks Lightship near Helder, on the north coast of Holland. The submarine had become entangled with fishing nets.

No German vessel has played a more important part in the war than the submarine U-9, commanded by Capt.-Lieut. Otto Weddigen. It sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy in the North Sea on Sept. 23 and, eluding pursuit, next came into notice on Oct. 25 by sinking the British cruiser Hawke. It was also credited with sinking the cruiser Hermes on Oct. 31.

Capt.-Lieut. Weddigen is one of the Kaiser's youngest commanders, being only thirty-two. His exploits made him popular idol, and he was decorated with the Order of Merit, which each member of his crew received the Iron Cross.

In the sinking of the Hogue, Cressy and Aboukir sixty officers and 1,460 men were lost. The British Admiralty reported that about 500 men were missing after the disaster to the Hawke and 40 were lost on the Hermes.

It was revealed after the three cruisers were sunk in September that Lieut. Weddigen was ready to spare the Cressy, the only ship in sight, to save the men from the other ships, when the second officer in command said:

"You know we have four navies fighting us."

Weddigen thereupon returned to the periscope, made his observations and sent the torpedoes that sank the Cressy.

Weddigen gave The World exclusively the story of his exploits in October. He was invited shortly afterward to visit the Kaiser and tell the story over again. He was described as a quiet, unassuming young man, keen for his work but regretful over the 2,500 or more lives it had cost the enemy.

British Merchantman Reported
Torpedoed in the Channel

DIEPPE, France, via Paris, Feb. 27 (Associated Press).—It is reported that a British merchant ship has been torpedoed in the English channel off St. Valery-Sur-Somme.

A French torpedo boat destroyer has gone out from Dieppe to the assistance of the British ship.